



Twitter for Educators

GETTING STARTED:

- ❖ Go to **www.twitter.com** and create an account.
- ❖ Select a username.
- ❖ Develop your bio.
- ❖ Add a picture.
- ❖ Decide on your privacy settings.
- ❖ Find others to follow.
- ❖ Utilize hashtags.
- ❖ Interact!

THE LANGUAGE OF TWITTER:
@ - Tweeting at a person RT - Retweeting (resending) another person's tweet DM - Direct message in private to a specific person # - Hashtag for a specific topic, such as #summer, #highschool, or #syracuse

TIPS FOR USING TWITTER:

- ❖ If you are already a Twitter user, create a separate account for your professional use.
- ❖ Remember that your tweets are limited to 140 characters. This includes your username as well as any hashtags that you use.
- ❖ Click on a hashtag to see a feed with all of the most recent tweets including that hashtag.
- ❖ Organize the people you follow into lists (other teachers, class lists, etc.)
- ❖ To save a tweet to your favorite tweets, hover over it and click: Favorite.
- ❖ Click the Discover tab at the top of your page to see the current trending topics on Twitter.
- ❖ Try to find your school district, library, or other teachers you know on Twitter.

TWITTER IN THE CLASSROOM	TWITTER IN SCHOOLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Create a classroom specific hashtag to use throughout the year. ❖ Share information about assignments, updates, links, and additional resources. ❖ Sync your Twitter account with your class website or blog. ❖ Utilize Twitter as a publishing forum for students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Connect with the community. ❖ Communicate with parents. ❖ Collaborate with other educators ❖ Take part in #edchat, #educhat, #teachers, #sschat, #scichat, and #engchat. ❖ Interact with authors, journalists, celebrities, or any of the other millions of Twitter users.

RESOURCES:

<http://whatedsaid.wordpress.com/2011/06/08/dear-teacher-who-wasnt-on-twitter/>

<http://edtechpower.blogspot.com/2009/02/advice-for-teachers-new-to-twitter.html>

<http://thenextweb.com/twitter/2011/06/23/how-to-use-twitter-in-the-classroom/>

<http://westylish.blogspot.com/2011/11/benefits-of-teachers-using-twitter.html>